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Dear FORUM Recipient:

If you are among those receiving this copy of the Fall 1973 issue of FORUM (which was published in November, 1973) several weeks late, please accept our apologies. An unavoidable shortage of paper prevented our printing all copies at the same time, as we usually do.

In this issue, you will note certain changes. Those changes are the subject of this letter. In brief, I should very much appreciate your reaction to them, as well as any additional comments or recommendations you may wish to make. For our mutual convenience, I am enclosing a questionnaire, accompanied by a stamped, addressed, return envelope.

By way of background, you should know that our attempt to improve the FORUM is part of a multifaceted effort on our part to make The National War College better known and to enhance its image in the many civilian, as well as military, communities concerned with the several aspects of national security. In so doing, we are less concerned with what we might gain than we are with encouraging maximum utilization of what we have to offer. Thus, changing the title of the periodical from The National War College FORUM to The National Security Affairs FORUM was not merely change for the sake of change. We believe the new designation considerably more accurately reflects the stature of the publication and the nature of its contents. Similarly, with our readers' interests and limited time uppermost in mind, we have undertaken to devote the major part (on occasion, the entirety) of each issue to a specific theme.

We also have under active consideration the inauguration of regular features, such as a book review section, a letters-to-the-editor section, and an occasional symposium to which selected readers will be invited to contribute on the basis of their past experience or current interest in the topic under discussion. Our decision concerning such innovations will depend, in large measure, on our readers' views as expressed through the accompanying questionnaire.

I am looking forward eagerly to your personal reaction, to the extent that you may wish to respond to the enclosed questionnaire, and to your additional observations, comments, and recommendations concerning the FORUM, both now and in the future.

Sincerely,

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Executive Secretary
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